

# No. 9 News

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Louisville Metro Council District 9



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## Greetings from the Ninth District Office

Greetings to All. Its been a busy year with projects and activities. From the beginning foundation of the Beargrass Falls Sustainability Demonstration Park at the Beargrass Greenway in Butchertown to the paving and sidewalk installation of the \$6.2 million dollars in the current budget, there's a lot to share. I'll highlight a few items here and hope you'll read the articles that follow to get a fuller insight.

Though Mayor Fischer wants more data on how the road diet on lower Brownsboro Road is working, we advocated the extension of it to Hillcrest Avenue. By every indication--including traffic counts and accident reports--the current road diet has resulted in a reduction of accidents by more than 40%. And while Mayor Fischer expects to collect data for two more years, I am confident the final analysis will prove a similar outcome. It should be easy,

then, to justify that the public's safety is far more important than inconveniencing drivers by 20-30 seconds a trip--including me, as this is the main corridor I use on a daily basis. And, its the only way the Hillcrest intersection with Brownsboro Road will ever get a dedicated turn lane. I look forward to those results in the future and will accept them regardless.

If you hadn't heard, I recently announced that I will not seek re-election as the Metro Council Representative for the Ninth District. I will continue to serve you, the Ninth District, and all of Louisville until my term expires in December 2014.

It has been my privilege to serve the best interests of the citizens of this district and Metro Louisville.

We have a great city and I am most proud of the opportunity I've had to increase the transparency

and accountability of metro government, sustainability of our resources as well as the emphasis we've placed on valuing and including all of our citizens.

My best wishes to all of you as I focus on exploring what the next chapter of my life will bring and where I can continue to make a meaningful contribution to our community and our world.

And finally, a constituent shared her story about one of the free mammogram clinics our office has sponsored for the past 12 years. Her exam found precancerous cells that turned out to be benign and likely would never have been discovered because she had no health insurance. Thanks to the clinic hosted through a partnership with the U of L Brown Cancer Center for their efforts to make this needed screening available to everyone. Peace

## Need to Report a Pothole? Find Your Junk Pick-Up Date?

Metro311 is now on Twitter. Citizens can tweet their issues, concerns or questions to the handle @LouMetro311 -- rather than having to call 311 to verbally report issues. MetroCall was created in 1989 as CityCALL and, when the city and county merged in 2003, it became MetroCall. It's the place where residents may request a service, offer a suggestion, ask a question, share an opinion, register a complaint and even pass on a compliment relating to Metro services and events.

Set up an account online today at [www.louisvilleky.gov/metrocalls](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/metrocalls). Once an account has been created you may report and track your issues.

People may connect with MetroCall in many ways:

- by phone by simply dialing 311 or 574-5000;
- By email [metro.call@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:metro.call@louisvilleky.gov)
- Online at [www.louisvilleky.gov/metrocalls](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/metrocalls)

## VITA Tax Preparation in 2014 - Volunteers Needed



My office is partnering with the Louisville Asset Building Coalition (LABC) to once again provide FREE tax preparation services in 2014.

We are recruiting volunteers to help prepare taxes on four Fridays in February and March

2014. Full training is provided by the LABC on select dates in December or January. To volunteer or to obtain more information please contact our office directly at 574-1109 or email

[kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov) for a list of training dates and information.

MARK your calendars for the FREE tax preparation dates! This service is available to anyone who earned \$52,000 or less in Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in 2013.

Tax preparation appointments are available between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM), located at 150 S State Street.

Tax preparation dates are Fridays Feb. 14, Feb. 28, Mar. 14, and Mar. 28.

Call our office at 574-1109 to make an appointment.

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## Metro Police Winter Safety Tips

The Louisville Metro Police Department would like to remind local residents of a few things they can do to prevent becoming the victim of a property crime during the coming winter months.

- Lock your car doors! The #1 way to prevent a theft from your vehicle is by locking the doors. Many criminals do not want to draw attention to themselves and would simply rather open your unlocked car door than break a window.
- Never leave anything of value such as a GPS unit, purse, or jewelry where a would-be thief can see easily see it. If you do plan on leaving items of value in your car for any period of time, always be sure to lock them in the trunk.
- In order to deter residential burglaries the Louisville Metro Police Department has several services it provides local residents at no cost. Those services include Directed Patrol Assignments and Home Security Assessments. A Directed Patrol Assignment can be helpful to property owners who plan on being away from their home for an extended period of time such as a week-long family vacation. When a Directed Patrol is requested by a local resident the Patrol
- Officers in that Division receive notice of your planned absence and are asked to pay special attention to your area.
- A free home security assessment can also be requested through your patrol division. During a home security assessment a Division Resource Officer will come to your residence and offer security recommendations that can reduce the potential for future burglaries.
- Never hesitate to call your police department if you notice suspicious or criminal activity in your neighborhood. If you live within the boundaries of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division patrol area and would like more information on these programs please call 574-7636.



## Changes for the Green Triangle

There are some exciting changes coming for the Green Triangle. After 4 years of work in District 9, the Green Triangle is entering a new partnership with the Louisville Sustainability Council (LSC) and the Louisville Metro Office of Sustainability, which will be working on a community wide scale to encourage green action and collect green data.

Since April 2012 the Green Triangle website collected data from the 9<sup>th</sup> District about the steps people are taking to become more sustainable in their daily lives. The LSC will be researching the best way to expand green data collection to

the full Louisville community.

The LSC is a public-private partnership that works to engage and collaborate with the community, and facilitate the achievement of Louisville's sustainability goals. Learn more about the organization at [louisvillesustainabilitycouncil.com](http://louisvillesustainabilitycouncil.com), including how to become a member and get involved in the Action Teams related to the Sustain Louisville Plan. The LSC site will also feature an events calendar and news related to sustainability.

For the time being, [mygreentriangle.com](http://mygreentriangle.com) will still have resources for

sustainability, including a history of the work that the 9<sup>th</sup> District Green Triangle did from 2009 to 2013. Blog posts will continue: please email Kyle Ethridge at [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov) if there is anything related to green issues in the 9<sup>th</sup> District that you would like to see posted.

I have grown immeasurably while working with you all in the 9<sup>th</sup> District to create a more sustainable community, and I am excited to see this work continue in an expanded and more comprehensive and sophisticated format for the full Louisville community—our long range goal from the beginning.



I also wanted to announce that Katie Holmes, who has served as the Special Projects Coordinator in my office since 2011, is leaving at the end of 2013 to start student teaching as part of a graduate program in elementary education.

I want to thank Katie for her service and all the work she did with the Green Triangle.

After December 31, 2013, please contact Kyle Ethridge for all green related issues.

## Reservoir Park Non-911 Emergency Access Update

On Thursday, November 14, 2013, the Land Development & Transportation Committee (LD&T) heard Case No. 17249 regarding a record plat amendment which would allow residents in Reservoir Park an alternative emergency access point through Mockingbird Gardens (MG) when a train blocks both access points into Reservoir Park for 15 minutes or longer. I supported this request and record plat amendment because I have received many frantic phone calls from residents in Reservoir Park the 6 or so times it occurs when

folks were unable to get out for doctors' appointments, to pick up kids from school because they are their only transportation or to get to other important events. The LD&T Committee voted against the record plat amendment because the gate is not legal and MG representatives did not support making it a legal access for Non-911 emergencies.

The next step is to revisit the previously explored alternatives to get cost estimates for implementing one of them. The cost for these other solutions offered by

Metro Public Works (MPW) have ranged from \$50,000-\$400,000 and it could not be justified, in my opinion, for the 6 or so times a year that its needed. Now that the current illegal gate has been ruled out we will go back to the drawing board and see how we can find the funds to get this done.

I am committed to finding a solution to this access issue for all the constituents affected in the area. Stay tuned.

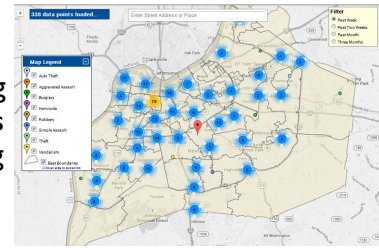
## Snapshot of Neighborhood Development Funds, Capital Infrastructure Funds and Capital Budget Oct. 2012 - Nov. 2013 Expenditures

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b><u>Sustainability Projects</u></b>	
Invasive Species Certification for D9 Residents	\$500.00
Green Triangle Facilitation Contract	\$1,000.00
Beargrass Falls: Water and Sustainability Education Center at Karen Lynch Park Project	\$13,553.66
Sprayers and Herbicide for D9 Public Projects	\$925.92
<b><u>Public Improvement Projects</u></b>	
Economic Growth & Innovation - Lease of Public Parking Lot	\$7,500.00
Highland Commerce Guild - Graffiti Removal	\$7,500.00
Mockingbird Valley Road Intersection Beautification	\$10,000.00
MPW - Highway Safety Signs for Lexington Road Reclamation	\$300.00
MPW - Ingle Ave. Tree Stump Removal (low income eligible)	\$1,323.00
MPW - Planting of New Trees at Claremont	\$500.00
MPW - Purchase and Installation of New Benches	\$3,822.00
MPW - Tree Removal in alley at 1751 Frankfort Ave	\$2,400.00
P&D - Reservoir Park Access Mailing Labels	\$428.00
PARC - Install Hose Bib at Keats/Frankfort Public Lot	\$370.28
PARC - Public Parking Lot Repairs 2714 Frankfort Ave	\$6,843.78
PARC - Parking T's on Story Ave	\$325.25
Parks - Karen Lynch Park Signage in Butchertown	\$150.00
Parks - Pee Wee Reese Clubhouse Crosswalk Stripe	\$478.50
Purchase of Tools for Cleanups for D9	\$340.58
Whitehall - Broadfields Median Tree Planting Project	\$2,230.00
<b><u>Non-Profit Projects</u></b>	
Animal Care Society	\$250.00
Botanica Inc. - Founders Garden	\$5,000.00
Butchertown Portkoberfest	\$2,200.00
Center for Accessible Living - Accessible Ramps (low income eligible)	\$5,250.00
Center for Neighborhoods - Green Institute	\$14,900.00
CHCC Fourth of July Festival	\$4,000.00
Colon Cancer Prevention Project	\$500.00
Coalition for the Homeless	\$1,000.00
Community Venture Corporation - Women's Business Expo	\$1,000.00
D9 Back to School Block Party	\$881.25
Economic Growth - Grant to Actors Theatre of Louisville	\$250.00
Equestrian Trailhead Improvements	\$500.00
Frankfort Avenue Business Association - Programs Matching Grant	\$10,000.00
Kentucky Pride Festival for Powered with Pride 5k	\$500.00
Kentucky Teen Institute	\$2,000.00
LMAS - SPOT Vehicle Spay/Neuter	\$750.00
LMPD - Holiday Party for Hawthorne Elementary	\$1,000.00
Louisville AIDS Walk	\$500.00
Louisville Girls Leadership Idea Festival	\$1,000.00
Louisville Independent Business Association - Buy Local Fair	\$500.00
Mayor's Derby Brunch	\$250.00
Metro Parks - Movies Under the Stars at Iroquois Amphitheater	\$500.00
Metro United Way - VITA Tax	\$500.00
Metropolitan Housing Coalition Annual Report	\$192.30
No Kill Louisville	\$200.00
Olmsted Conservancy	\$2,500.00
Ovarian Awareness of Kentucky	\$1,000.00
Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00
St. Joseph Picnic - Security	\$2,500.00
Suzy Post and Roast - Louisville Central Community Centers Fundraiser	\$200.00
U of L Research Foundation - Black Family Conference	\$200.00
United Crescent Hill Ministries Needs Assessment	\$5,000.00
University of Louisville - Research Foundation	\$700.00
Volunteers of America	\$500.00
Wesley House Community Services	\$1,500.00
Whitehall House & Gardens - safety update on fire escape	\$4,400.00
Wild & Scenic Film Festival - Kentucky Waterways Alliance	\$1,500.00



## Improved Crime Mapping Available Online

Louisville residents may now more easily keep tabs on crime that is occurring in their neighborhood with improved maps available on the city government's website – <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroPolice/CrimeMaps/>. The mapping tool uses the popular Google map technology to pinpoint crimes ranging from homicides and assaults to burglary and auto theft. The new maps -- which are larger, download faster and are easier to use -- also help educate citizens as to which police district they live in. By simply entering an address, the map displays crimes that have occurred in that area and users are automatically prompted to subscribe to emails sent by the Louisville Metro Police Department which show crime trends in the user's area. By adding a date range, the maps show all crimes that have occurred in that period.



## Property Maintenance, Construction Permits and ABC



Improved maps are also available online that help citizens track property maintenance complaint cases, construction permits and existing alcoholic beverage licenses. All city maps and other data – including snow and ice removal, where to vote and the “Map It” tool which shows garbage, recycling and junk pick-up dates—can be found at the top of the home page of the city's website, by clicking on the tab called “Maps & Data.” These new maps are also available on the city's Open Data Portal (<http://data.louisvilleky.gov>), which

allows raw data sets to be downloaded and repurposed by anyone, including IT developers seeking to build apps or online tools in creative new ways using city data.

## Sign-Up to Receive email Notifications

Did you know you may subscribe to over 100 Metro Government e-newsletters and notifications online? Just visit [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov) and click on the “Subscribe and Stay Informed” link on the left side of the screen. Then you will type your email address and you will be given a long list of available newsletter and notifications you may subscribe to with just one click! The newest notifications available include “Development Proposals” and “Historic Structure Demolition Notification.” Sign up today!



## Sign up for CodeRed Alerts



Winter has arrived and we will likely have more significant weather events like we experienced earlier this year. Please sign up for the CodeRed alert system to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of an

emergency or for critical community alerts like evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices and more. For additional information about EMA you may visit <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/EMA/> or you may sign up directly for weather warnings by visiting <https://cne.coderedweb.com>. If you don't have access to a computer please call my office at 574-1109 and we will assist you with the process.

## 2013 - 2014 District 9 Calendar

**District 9 Website**  
[www.louisvilleky.gov/district9](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/district9)

**District 9 Blog**  
[District9news.wordpress.com](http://District9news.wordpress.com)

**Green Triangle Blog**  
[www.mygreentriangle.com](http://www.mygreentriangle.com)

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**F.A.T. Friday**, Frankfort Avenue Trolley, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. along Frankfort, Mellwood and Story Avenues. The F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop takes place on the Final Friday of each month. For more info please visit [www.fatfridayhop.com](http://www.fatfridayhop.com). Upcoming dates are Dec 27, Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 30 and Jun 27

### **December 2013**

The 9<sup>th</sup> District USD will have junk collection set-out on a select weekend in December. You may begin setting out your junk Friday afternoon prior to your junk pick-up week and must have it all out by Monday at 6:00 a.m. For your junk set-out weekend dates please visit [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov), "Map It" or call the office at 574-1109.

**Saturday, December 14:** Olde Tyme Christmas celebration on Frankfort Avenue from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The celebration will include the festive Dog Walk, retail sales, live music, refreshments, and photos with Santa Claus at Margaret's Consignment from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Free trolley and horse and carriage rides along Frankfort Avenue (from Mellwood to Stiltz Avenue) will be available from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm. For more information, visit [www.frankfortave.com](http://www.frankfortave.com).

**Wednesday, December 25:** Christmas Day, all Metro Offices are closed. The collection of all garbage, yard waste and recycling is delayed by one day following holidays.

### **January 2014**

**Wednesday, January 1:** New Year's Day Holiday, all Metro Offices are closed. The collection of all garbage, yard waste and recycling is delayed by one day following holidays.

**Monday, January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr Birthday, all Metro Offices are closed. The collection of all garbage, yard waste and recycling is delayed by one day following holidays.

### **February 2014**

**Friday, February 14:** FREE tax preparation for anyone who earned \$52,000 or less in Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in 2013. Tax preparation appointments will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM), located at 150 S State Street. Additional dates: Feb. 28, Mar. 14, and Mar. 28.

**Friday, February 14:** Happy Valentine's Day!

### **April 2014**

**Sunday, April 6:** CycLOUvia on Frankfort Avenue between Pope and Hillcrest from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. BIKE + WALK + PLAY on a Louisville street. For more information visit [cyclouvia.org](http://cyclouvia.org).

**Tuesday, April 8:** SAVE THE DATE for the 9<sup>th</sup> District Spring Community Forum with a Sustainability theme.

**Saturday, April 12:** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Community Cleanup. In partnership with Brightside we will be cleaning up in the 9<sup>th</sup> District from 8:30 am – Noon. We'll provide FREE bags, gloves, tools and t-shirts on a first-come, first-serve basis. Location will be announced in a future newsletter or call the office at 574-1109.

**Saturday, April 19:** Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade.

### **May 2014**

**Saturday, May 10:** SAVE THE DATE for the Responsible Recycling Event from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

**To receive a weekly listing of 9th District events, please sign up for the eNews by calling 574-1109 or by emailing [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov), or check out our weblog at [district9news.wordpress.com](http://district9news.wordpress.com)**